

Northwoods Humane Society – Deanna Persson, President

People doing nice things because they care and not because they have to, bring a quiet joy and warmth into our daily lives.

People do many nice things for the Northwoods Humane Society animals in need. This coming week, Wednesday, December 4, Tana, owner of Trailways Restaurant on Highway 27 South is honoring NHS by donating her bartender tips to NHS. Susan Barbieri and Shirley Armstrong will join her behind the bar. Thank you Tana!

On Saturday, December 7th, the owners of Revelle's, on Nelson Lake, Kevin and Danielle, will again support NHS thru their customer appreciation dinner. Thank you Kevin and Danielle!

Recently, Don Johnson's Motors honored the Northwoods Humane Society at the 'Ladies Night Out' event. Kathy Pederson, Paula Bilitz and I met many pet owners who shared their stories. One woman and two cats that she adopted from us 17 years ago and she said they were still full of life and energy. Thank you Don Johnson's Motors.

While I was volunteering at the Thrift Shop last week, Shirley Wallace, who is a fiber artist, came in with the cutest hand knitted caps for cats or small dogs to sell at the shop. A few days later, she came in with some more.

Do you know Sharon Goodacre? She is a very giving woman with more energy than four of us put together. She coordinates the clothing area of our Thrift Shop. Sharon also makes fire starters from pine cones, candles that can't be sold and shredded crinkled paper that comes in once in a while. They are sold at the Thrift Shop. Sharon also takes the time to cut up towels, sheets and cloths that cannot be sold, to create rag bundles which are also sold at the thrift shop. You can find Sharon, Linda Graham, Pam Brummel, Patty VanLanschoot, Sue Witt, Joan Schumway or Roberta Christainsen taking some clothing home to wash or repair. Thank you ladies!

We received this letter this past week from Sue Scheer, owner of Mainstream Boutique. "This summer we had a 'treasure chest' of small toys priced at 41 each that we sold to children with the total proceeds going to you! (NHS) I am delighted to inform you that we have raised \$199 from the sale and are adding an additional \$101 to make a total donation of \$300. We are grateful for the compassionate work you do in rescuing, caring for, and finding loving homes for animals in need and we hope this donation helps support your mission. Thank you for your dedication to animal welfare and for making such a positive difference in our community! Thank you Sue!

Are you ready for December 15th? Again, Alecia Austin, our shelter manager and baker extraordinaire and Glenda Van Arb are putting together another super bake sale. The bake sale will be part of the Cane's High School Holiday Fair. If you would like to contribute the bake sale give the shelter a call. This is my husband's favorite event – bake sales!!!

Speaking of my husband.....he has stepped forward, again, to help the animals. Mike has taken over the responsibility of the can collection for the Thrift Shop and the Somewhere Else bins. I did not ask him to do this, he just said he would do it. He probably was tired of hearing me worry about it. I wasn't sure it was a good idea.....at the end of the day when we regroup and talk about the day, I wasn't sure I really wanted to talk about recycling cans.....but so far all is going well. Mark Anderson has taken over

the bin at the shelter. It would be wonderful if someone would take over the bin at Somewhere Else to lighten the load.

Our thanks to those that help us recycle items we cannot use by taking them to either Rice Lake, Ashland or Duluth – Nina Leitza, Judy Ghent, Kathy Kisch and Lori Butala. Right now the trailer is really full so if you are headed in those directions – especially Rice Lake – and can take a load, please let me know – 715-634-4543.

Are you busy on Wednesday, December 11 from 3:30 to 6? If you can, please come to our volunteer and staff 'Mingle and Jingle' gathering at Out of the Woods Winery. The Board members are preparing an array of appetizers and Mike Person, Randy Schwartzhoff and Pete Heisler will bring some cheerful holiday music. If you have an interest in volunteering for NHS this is a fun way to get a sense of who we are.

Several people have asked about a posting about a found cat by Jon Ryan. The young cat showed up at his home and the cat was in very rough condition. The cat is now at the shelter and Lisa Lew and Angie Larson are working their magic on him.

Losing a beloved pet is very hard for the family. This past week the NHS Thrift Shop family lost 'Copper'. 'Copper' Brummel was the beloved dog of Ken and Pat Brummel. For years Copper has come to volunteer at the thrift shop with Pat. He was the goodwill ambassador who helped on Tag Day and greeted customers and volunteers with a gentle manner. He will truly be missed.

'Our Pet Tales' information and application are on our website – northwoodshumanesociety.org. This is an opportunity to celebrate your pet with a 200 word or less 'tale', along with a photo which is selected by our judges will become a pencil portrait by Irene Farone and will be included in a book and into greeting cards.

Dates to Save: December 11 – Volunteer and Staff 'Mingle and Jingle' gathering – 3:30 to 6 p.m. – Out of The Woods Winery

December 15 – NHS Bake Sale – Hayward High School – 9 am to 3 p.m.

December 29 – Deadline for submission to "Our Pet Tales" – see website for more information.